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SUBJECT  **Svilengrad Railroad Yards (Repair Facility; Description)** DATE DISTR. 10 December 1959  
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### Size and Equipment

1. Svilengrad railroad yards contain approximately 15 miles of track and 30 rollers for temporary line repairs. There are 300 to 900 meters of track for maneuvering cars; one locomotive with five or six cars can be re-directed. Tracks numbers 2 through 5  are operated electrically by remote control; tracks numbers 7 and 8  are used to store freight cars and can hold approximately 150 freight cars. The average number of cars in the yards at one time is 50. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
2. There is not a large amount of railroad equipment in the yards. The only locomotive permanently assigned to the yards is used for moving railroad cars. It is an old Valsa locomotive of German manufacture with three miles and 60 to 65-ton capacity. LY/circ
3. Water from a well is pumped by electricity or steam power to the concrete water tank of 50-ton capacity at one end of the yard. Near the platform at the station there is a balance of 40 to 45-ton capacity for weighing railroad cars. Approximately 75 to 80 tons of coal is stored in the yards; it comes from the Dimitrovo coal mines and is coal of 4,500 to 5,000 calories. The coal is transported by three cranes, one of which is situated in the engine house.

### Repair Work

4. The engine house, which can hold four locomotives, has two tunnels for repairs and cleaning; two tracks run through it. There are two winches, one of 15-ton and the other of 10-ton capacity. There is no repair workshop. Locomotives are sent to Dimitrograd for lubrication and minor repairs and to Plovdiv for major repairs.

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